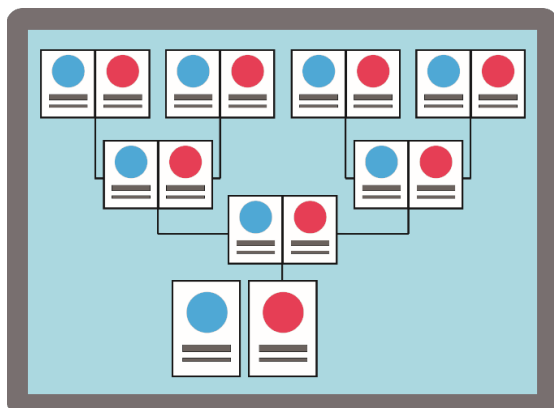


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"What could you do better for your children and grandchildren than to record the story of your life, your triumphs over adversity, your recovery after a fall, your progress when all seemed black, and your rejoicing when you had finally achieved?"—Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball, p. 351

Thoughts from Sedillo Hill Ward Leader Bill Barrett

Do You Know . . . the power of family history in adolescent identity and well-being? A psychological study was done by Marshall Duke and Robyn Fivush of Emory University and Jennifer Bohanek of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. They studied 66 families. Each were asked to complete a measure of family history called the "Do You Know . . . ?" scale, a 20-question survey including questions such as "Do you know where your parents met?" and "Do you know which person in your family you most look like?" They found that "Adolescents who report knowing more stories about their familial past show higher levels of emotional well-being, and also higher levels of identity achievement, even when controlling for general level of family functioning." Read more about this study here: www.inspirefamilyhistory.com/blog/studies-that-prove-family-history-is-amazing. From my own experience of severe childhood trauma, I know that the conclusions from this study are correct.

Classes for 2022

Wednesday morning group classes at the Family History Center (FHC) are back! Marjorie Kraus of the Edgewood Ward introduced the 2022 series on February 23rd with her timely discussion on how to navigate RootsTech. There were 18 participants attending the class including eight via Zoom. After a quick overview, Marjorie demonstrated an interesting feature where you can find out if anyone related to you is registered. What a great way to possibly find more branches on your family tree. She also pointed out that there were over 165,000 people registered for RootsTech from all over the world. She also said that while you are browsing what is available, you can add interesting classes to a Playlist so you can go back later and watch them. This is especially nice since there are always three years' worth of RootsTech classes available, and it is easy to lose track if you don't have a playlist.

Wednesday group classes begin at 10:30 am and last about an hour. To participate virtually, email the FHC and request a *Zoom* link. Handouts will be posted on the website.

Edgewood Family History Center Classes for 2022		
Date	Class	Instructor
March 23	If I had Known: Wrong Assumptions About Your Family History	Craig Noorlander
April 27	Using Censuses to Your Advantage	Fred Turner
May 25	How to Use Google to Your Advantage in Your Family History	Tamne Robinson
June 8	An Introduction to Military Records	William Barrett
June 22	More About Military Records Using Fold3	William Barrett
July 27	Syncing Ancestry and FamilySearch	Tamne Robinson
August 24	Make Wiki Your Best Friend—How to Source Records	Marjorie Kraus
September 14	How to Use Find a Grave	Fred Turner
September 28	How to Use Find a Grave—Advanced	Fred Turner
October 26	How to Use Land Records	William Barrett
November 23	Thanksgiving break—no classes	
December 28	Christmas break—no classes	

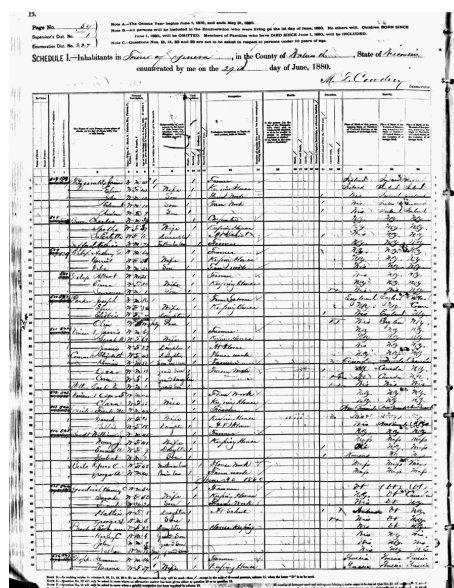


Tips and Tricks from our Consultants

Tips for Finding Hard to Find Families on the U.S. Census (Retrieved and condensed from www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/index.php?title=Tips_for_Finding_Hard_to_Find_Families_on_the_U._S._Census&oldid=2393379)

“I had found the family I was researching on the 1860 and 1870 U.S. Censuses with very little trouble. I expected to find them in the same place on the 1880 Census. I could not find them. Even staff members at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City had no success.

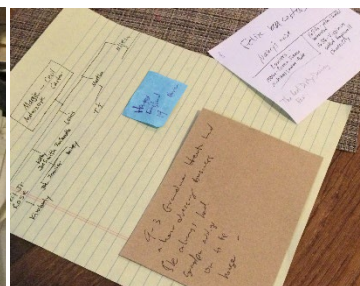
“I decided to try searching the 1880 Census for families who had been their neighbors on previous census records. I selected a neighbor from the 1870 Census and typed that name for the 1880 Census. The neighbor showed up on the search. As I looked up and down the census page, I noticed a family with a similar, but different last name. The first names of the family members were a perfect match. Next, I checked the ages listed for each of these people. They were a match. Finally, I checked the birth place for each one, and these matched too. I had found the family I was looking for!



“So, if you are not able to find someone on a census in a place where you think they should be, check their neighbors from prior census records and look up the neighbors. Then, when you locate the census page, search up and down for your person.”

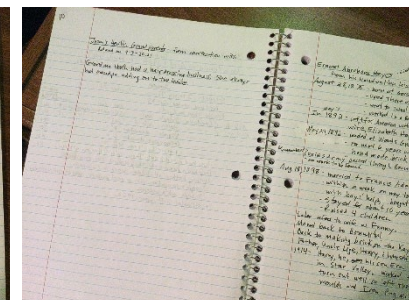
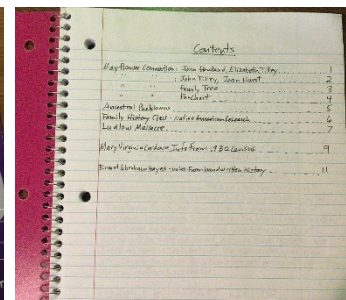
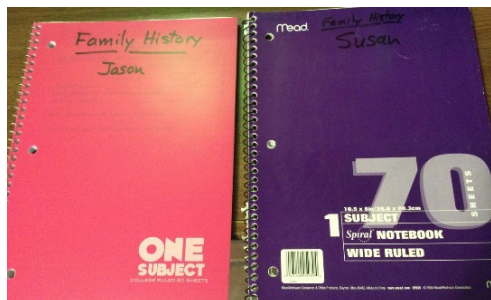
Note: There was probably a different census taker in 1870 and in 1880 who spelled the name differently. Human errors and inconsistencies are common in the records we use for family history research. —*William Barrett*

Organizational Tip. Do your family history notes look like this? Do you dread working on family history because you are sorting through piles of little notes? I used to do this, too, until I hit on a



solution. You know those cheap 99 cent composition notebooks you can get at Walmart? Buy a few and transcribe all your notes in them. Leave the first page or two blank for a table of contents. I organize my

notebooks by my husband's and my own families. If most of your notes are on letter-sized paper, 3-hole punch them and put them in a 3-ring binder. Then next time you are on the phone with Grandpa




and he begins telling you a story, pull out your notebook and jot it down. As you use these notes to create more organized, permanent records—like a family history book or an online memory in *FamilySearch*—cross off the note as being used and note where you used it. —*Susan Heath*

New Hours at Family History Center

In addition to the existing Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday hours, we are adding an hour on Sundays. The new time slot will start at 11 am and go to at least noon. Consultants may be enticed to stay longer depending on food offerings.

FHC Website Now Updated

The Edgewood Family History Center website is now being updated. Besides hours of operation and closings, we will be listing classes, class handouts, and posting links to videos of classes. We will also be adding *Tips and Tricks from our Consultants* from the newsletter. We may also post PDFs of the newsletters. Also look for a page listing all of the consultants for each of the four East Mountain wards with short bios and contact information. Email the FHC with suggestions for what you would like to see on the website, or if you see any errors you would like corrected.



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Edgewood Family History Center Hours

Tuesday 10 am–3 pm, 6:30 pm–8 pm
Wednesday 10 am–1 pm
Thursday 6:30 pm–8 pm
Sunday 11 am–noon+

Other times by appointment.
Hours will be expanded as needed.

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